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1. A portable computing device, comprising:
a graphical display;
a power source configured to provide power to operate the graphical display;
a selectable control configured to initiate a process to shutdown the portable computing device; and
a component configured to turn off the graphical display and conserve the power to operate the graphical display when the selectable control is selected and before the process to shutdown the portable computing device is initiated.
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2. A portable computing device as recited in claim 1, wherein the power source is a battery.
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3. A portable computing device as recited in claim 1, wherein the graphical display is configured to display the selectable control.
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4. A portable computing device as recited in claim 1, wherein the selectable control is an operating system selectable control displayed on the graphical display.
5. A portable computing device as recited in claim 1, wherein the component is a graphical display controller.
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6. A portable computing device as recited in claim 1, wherein the component is further configured to determine when the selectable control is selected.

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7. A portable computing device as recited in claim 1, wherein the component is a software application configured to determine when the selectable control is selected.

5 8. An electronic device, comprising:
a graphical display;
a selectable control configured to initiate a process to shutdown the electronic device; and
a component configured to turn off the graphical display when the
10 selectable control is selected and before the process to shutdown the electronic device is initiated.

9. An electronic device as recited in claim 8, further comprising a power source, wherein power to operate the graphical display is conserved
15 when the component turns off the graphical display.

10. An electronic device as recited in claim 8, further comprising a battery, wherein battery power to operate the graphical display is conserved when the component turns off the graphical display.

11. An electronic device as recited in claim 8, wherein the graphical display is configured to display the selectable control.

12. An electronic device as recited in claim 8, wherein the selectable
25 control is an operating system selectable control displayed on the graphical display.

13. An electronic device as recited in claim 8, wherein the component is a graphical display controller.

14. An electronic device as recited in claim 8, wherein the component is further configured to determine when the selectable control is selected.

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15. An electronic device as recited in claim 8, wherein the component is a software application configured to determine when the selectable control is selected.

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16. A display device, comprising:

a graphical display; and

a display component configured to turn off the graphical display when an operating system shutdown control is selected and before a process to shutdown the operating system is initiated.

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17. A display device as recited in claim 16, further comprising a power source, wherein power to operate the graphical display is conserved when the display component turns off the graphical display.

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18. A display device as recited in claim 16, further comprising a battery, wherein battery power to operate the graphical display is conserved when the display component turns off the graphical display.

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19. A display device as recited in claim 16, wherein the graphical display is configured to display the operating system shutdown control.

20. A display device as recited in claim 16, wherein the display component is further configured to determine when the operating system shutdown control is selected.

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21. A display device as recited in claim 16, wherein the display component is a graphical display controller.

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22. A method, comprising:

initiating a process to shutdown a computing device in response to a selectable control being selected; and

turning off a graphical display of the computing device to conserve power that operates the graphical display when the selectable control is selected and before initiating the process.

5 23. A method as recited in claim 22, further comprising displaying the selectable control on the graphical display.

 24. A method as recited in claim 22, further comprising determining when the selectable control is selected.

10 25. A method as recited in claim 22, further comprising shutting down an operating system of the computing device in response to the selectable control being selected, wherein the selectable control is an operating system selectable control displayed on the graphical display.

15 26. A method as recited in claim 22, wherein turning off the graphical display includes turning off a graphical display controller.

20 27. A method as recited in claim 22, wherein turning off the graphical display includes turning off the graphical display to conserve battery power.

 28. One or more computer-readable media comprising computer executable instructions that, when executed, direct a portable computing device to perform a method comprising:

25 initiating a process to shutdown the portable computing device in response to an operating system selectable control being selected; and

 turning off a graphical display of the computing device to conserve power to operate the graphical display when the operating system selectable control is selected and before initiating the process.

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29. One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 28, further comprising displaying the operating system selectable control on the graphical display.

5 30. One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 28, further comprising determining when the operating system selectable control is selected.

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